

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 19, 2004 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The allowance of claim 5 is appreciatively acknowledged.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as not being supported by an enabling disclosure. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 is believed to be adequately supported by claims 2 and 4 of the specification as originally filed. Claim 2 recites a package having first and second terminals (i.e., pins) switchably connected by a plurality of parallel-connected transistors. Claim 4 recites the electronic circuit of claim 2 coupled to a power supply source via the parallel-connected transistors and hence via one of the first and second terminals. Thus claim 7 is believed to adequately supported by the specification as originally filed.

Claims 6 and 7 were rejected as being anticipated by Lee (newly-cited). The rejection states in part:

[L]ee discloses a test system as shown in Figure 1 having a switch (analog switch) with a plurality of parallel connected transistors (14-15), one terminal of the switch (15) being coupled to one pin of the integrated circuit (11) and another terminal of the switch (14) coupled to another pin of the integrated circuit (10) and a control circuit (20, 19) coupled to each of the transistors (14,15) to turn either one of the transistors on or off or to turn both transistors (14, 15) on or to turn both transistors (14, 15) off.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

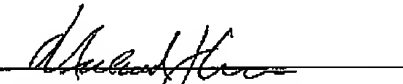
Contrary to the foregoing assertion, the transistors of Figure 1 of Lee are not parallel-connected. As evident from the present specification, "parallel-connected" requires that both the inputs of the transistors be connected in common and that the

outputs of the transistors be connected in common. Such is not the case with Lee. Rather in Lee, instead of being connected in common, one of the transistors is connected to a bus 18 and the other transistors is connected to a bus 12.

Accordingly, claims 6 and 7 are not anticipated by Lee.

Allowance of claims 5-7 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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